

the authority of section 1421(a)(1)(B) of the OTCA.

(B) *Date of separation.* The date of the individual's most recent total separation (as defined in § 617.3) must be a date after September 30, 1985, and within the certification period of the certification under which the worker is covered. Separations occurring prior to October 1, 1985, shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining whether an individual experienced a total separation after September 30, 1985.

(C) *Other standard requirements.* (1) With respect to weeks of unemployment that begin after September 30, 1985, but prior to November 21, 1988, the individual must, with respect to the separation referred to in paragraph (a)(4)(vi)(B) of this section, meet all of the requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(i) through (vii) of this section, and

(2) With respect to weeks of unemployment that begin on or after November 21, 1988, the individual must meet all of the requirements of paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (vii) of this section.

(D) *Other special rules.* (1) Although an individual's most recent total or partial separation after September 30, 1985 must be used for the purposes of this paragraph (a)(4)(vi)(B) of this section, the individual's first qualifying separation (as defined in paragraph (t)(3)(ii) of § 617.3) must be used to determine the weekly and maximum amounts payable to the individual in accordance with §§ 617.13 and 617.14.

(2) The 60-day preclusion rule in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall not be applicable to an individual covered by a certification referred to in paragraph (a)(4)(vi)(A) of this section, and who is eligible for TRA under the provisions of paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(3) The 26-week eligibility period for additional TRA (as defined in paragraph (m)(2) of § 617.3) is applicable under paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(b) *First week of entitlement.* The first week any individual may be entitled to a payment of basic TRA shall be the later of:

(1) The first week beginning more than 60 days after the date of the filing of the petition which resulted in the certification under which the individual is covered (except in the case of

oil and gas workers to whom paragraph (a)(4) of this section applies); or

(2) The first week beginning after the individual's exhaustion of all rights to UI including waiting period credit, as determined under § 617.11(a)(1)(v) or § 617.11(a)(2), as appropriate.

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§ 617.12 Evidence of qualification.

(a) *State agency action.* When an individual applies for TRA, the State agency having jurisdiction under § 617.50(a) shall obtain information necessary to establish:

(1) Whether the individual meets the qualifying requirements in § 617.11;

(2) The individual's average weekly wage; and

(3) For an individual claiming to be partially separated, the average weekly hours and average weekly wage in adversely affected employment.

(b) *Insufficient data.* If information specified in paragraph (a) of this section is not available from State agency records or from any employer, the State agency shall require the individual to submit a signed statement setting forth such information as may be required for the State agency to make the determinations required by paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Verification.* A statement made under paragraph (b) of this section shall be certified by the individual to be true to the best of the individual's knowledge and belief and shall be supported by evidence such as Forms W-2, paycheck stubs, union records, income tax returns, or statements of fellow workers, and shall be verified by the employer.

(d) *Determinations.* The State agency shall make the necessary determinations on the basis of information obtained pursuant to this section, except that if, after reviewing information obtained under paragraph (b) of this section against other available data, including agency records, it concludes that such information is not reasonably accurate, it shall make appropriate adjustments and shall make the determination on the basis of the adjusted data.